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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Peter H. Kay  
Serial No.: 09/920,000  
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BEACONS IN THE DETECTION OF  
METHYLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of two month(s) to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed August 28, 2001 from November 28, 2001 to December 28, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$200.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. The Assistant Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to change any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 9236/2002. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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